

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE SPECIFICATION
SURFACE DRAINAGE, MAIN OR LATERAL
(feet)
CODE 608

SCOPE

This specification covers the installation of mains and laterals for drainage. Construction shall be in accordance with the plans and these specifications.

INSTALLATION

Clearing. The channel area shall be cleared of trees, logs, stumps, and other materials necessary for construction. Care must be taken to protect all trees to be saved for environmental purposes. All material shall be disposed of by an acceptable method as shown on the plans.

Excavation. Channels shall be excavated to line and grade as shown on the plans or as staked in the field. The excavated surface shall be reasonably smooth. Construction activities shall be carried on in a manner that will not restrict flow from upstream channels. Care must be taken to reduce and prevent sediment pollution of water.

Spoil. Spoil shall be disposed of as shown on the plans or as marked in the field.

Structures. All structures and other related protection devices shall be installed as the work progresses to permit proper functioning of the ditch and to prevent environmental damage during the installation period.

Vegetation. Vegetation, if needed, shall be planted as shown on the plans.

SAFETY

Landowners or operators, sponsoring organizations, and contractors are liable for damage to utilities and damage resulting from disruption of service caused by construction activities. The Natural Resources Conservation Service makes no representation on the existence or nonexistence of any utilities. Absence of utilities on the drawings is not assurance that no utilities are present at the site.

It is the responsibility of the landowner or operator to determine if there are buried or overhead utilities in the vicinity of the proposed work. They should take proper procedures to insure that the utilities will not be jeopardized and that equipment operators and others will not be injured during construction operations.